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SUMMARY. TENG'S VISIT CONTINUES AMID CONSIDERABLE FANFARE BUT
LITTLE DETECTABLE SUBSTANCE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO UNUSUAL DEVELOP-
MENTS, AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAVE FOLLOWED PREDICTABLE LINES.
WE SEE THE VISIT THUS FAR AS RATHER ROUTINE. END SUMMARY.

1. AS SCHEDULED, TENG HSIAO-PING CALLED ON PRESIDENT NE WIN
AND ON COUNCIL OF STATE SECRETARY GEN. SAN YU JANUARY 27. (THUS
FAR, NOTHING IS KNOWN ABOUT THE SUBJECT OF THE TALKS.) PRIME
MINISTER MAUNG MAUNG KHA HOSTED A DINNER FOR TENG THAT EVENING.
ON JANUARY 28, TENG VISITED THE BURMA GEMS, JADE, AND PEARLS
EMPORIUM AND THE BURMA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY PLANT BEFORE
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DEPARTING FOR NGAPALI (SANDOWAY), A SEASIDE RESORT ON
THE ARAKAN COAST. THERE, HE HAS SEEN BOAT RACING, PEARL
CULTURE, SOLAR SALT PRODUCTION, AND A DEMONSTRATION OF THE
USE OF ELEPHANTS IN TIMBER EXTRACTION. HE IS DUE TO RETURN
TO RANGOON JANUARY 30 AND HOST A DINNER FOR THE BURMESE
LEADERS. HE WILL DEPART JANUARY 31.

2. THE BURMESE HAVE CONTINUED THEIR DISPLAY OF WARM HOSPITALITY FOR TENG, TURNING OUT PEOPLE TO CHEER HIM AT EVERY STOP AND ALONG HIS VARIOUS ROUTES. THE FRONT PAGES OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO THE VISIT, AND EDITORIALS HAVE PREDICTABLY HAILED IT AS A FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF BURMA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP.

3. PRIME MINISTER MAUNG MAUNG KHA'S BANQUET TOAST WAS NON-SUBSTANTIVE, DEALING ONLY WITH PAST EXAMPLES OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, SUCH AS THE RESOLUTION OF A BORDER DISPUTE IN 1960, AND GENERALITIES ABOUT PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, ETC.

4. IN HIS TOAST, TENG SAID HIS "OFFICIAL GOOD-WILL VISIT" WAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE LATE CHAIRMAN MAO. HE PRAISED BURMA'S NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY AND OPPOSITION TO "IMPERIALISM AND HEGEMONISM". HE FOUND THAT THE IMPERIALISTS AND HEGEMONISTS HAVE "SUFFERED REPEATED SETBACKS IN THEIR EFFORTS FOR EXPANSION AND INFILTRATION IN ASIA." HE CALLED FOR SETTLEMENT OF "DISPUTES OF THIS OR THAT KIND AMONG SOME ASIAN COUNTRIES" THROUGH "FRIENDLY CONSULTATIONS" BY THE "COUNTRIES CONCERNED". HE SAID CHINA HAS "BEGUN A NEW PERIOD OF PROGRESS" AND ACHIEVED "INITIAL SUCCESS IN GRASPING THE KEY LINK OF CLASS STRUGGLE TO BRING ABOUT GREAT ORDER ACROSS THE LAND"; AND HE CITED THE GOAL OF MAKING CHINA A "POWERFUL, MODERN SOCIALIST COUNTRY BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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END OF THIS CENTURY." ON CHINA-BURMA RELATIONS, HE SAID THAT THE "CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ARE READY TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FOR THE PROGRESS OF OUR FRIENDLY RELATIONS." HE OF COURSE MADE NO MENTION OF PARTY RELATIONS OR OF CHINESE SUPPORT FOR THE BURMA COMMUNIST PARTY INSURGENTS.

5. COMMENT: THERE HAVE BEEN NO UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS OR PRONOUNCEMENTS CONNECTED WITH THE VISIT THUS FAR. DESPITE THE WEIGHTY INTERPRETATIONS THAT SOME OBSERVERS MAKE (E.G., MOSCOW RADIOS CLAIM THAT IT IS AN EFFORT TO "PUT TOGETHER A GLOBAL UNITED FRONT AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION"), IT LOOKS TO US INCREASINGLY LIKE A RATHER ROUTINE AFFAIR.
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